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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

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Mr. SMITH of North Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3303]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3303) to incorporate the National Conference on Citizenship, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon, with amendments, and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

#### AMENDMENTS

1. On page 5, line 24, strike the period, insert a comma, and add the following:

to be selected from the officers and members of the member agencies or organizations participating in the conference.

2. On page 6, line 21, following the period, add a new sentence to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall be selected from the officers or members of the member agencies or organizations participating in the conference.

3. On page 7, line 24, following the word "person", insert " , agency or organization".

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed legislation, as amended, is to provide for the incorporation of the National Conference on Citizenship.

#### STATEMENT

In 1946 a small group of men and women met at Philadelphia to hold a conference on citizenship. Since that first meeting in 1946 representatives of over 1,000 public and private organizations and agencies have participated in what has become known as the National Confer-

ence on Citizenship. These agencies and organizations touch nearly every wholesome activity of American life and reach almost the entire population of the United States.

The National Conference on Citizenship was not the idea of one individual or the product of one organization. The National Education Association and the Department of Justice have provided the auspices under which the delegates from hundreds of public and private organizations may come together to pool their thinking for "the development of a more active, alert, enlightened, conscientious, and progressive citizenry in our country." However, representatives of each of these agencies have often stressed that the conference is not a single agency affair or even a two agency affair. The strength of the conference comes from the combined strength of all the agencies represented in its make-up. Organization and group participation is its cornerstone. The conference is a congregation of patriotic citizens coming together in a spirit of unity and striving to bring the ideals of democracy as we know them in this country to full fruition.

This conference is truly national in its organization and its scope. The development of an alert citizenry is a laudable objective, which is desirable nationally as well as locally. Consequently, in view of the national character of the objectives of this organization and in view of its representation from all sections of the United States, it is entirely fitting and proper that this organization receive a Federal charter. For these reasons the Committee on the Judiciary recommends favorable consideration of this legislation.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3308) to incorporate the National Conference on Citizenship, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon, with amendments, and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

1. On page 5, line 24, strike the period, insert a comma, and add the following:
2. On page 6, line 31, following the period, add a new sentence to read as follows:
3. On page 7, line 24, following the word "person", insert ", agency or organization".

The purpose of the proposed legislation, as amended, is to provide for the incorporation of the National Conference on Citizenship.

#### STATEMENT

In 1916 a small group of men and women met at Philadelphia to hold a conference on citizenship. Since that meeting in 1916 representatives of over 1,000 public and private organizations and agencies have participated in what has become known as the National Confer-